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Commissioner Jane Henney
Food and Drug Administration
Washington, DC
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Docket Number 99P-0485
Re: Ban Human Antibiotics in Livestock Feed

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Dear Commissioner Henney,

I encourage you to not allow an antibiotic to be used in livestock feed if that antibiotic is used in human medicine. Antibiotics used to treat human disease are consistently fed to poultry, cattle and pigs to speed their growth or counteract the effects of crowded living conditions and poor hygiene. Mounting evidence shows that the routine use of human antibiotics in livestock may diminish the drug's ability to cure infections in people. The Food and Drug Administration has the responsibility to ensure that the use of antibiotics on factory farms does not endanger human health.

Sincerely,

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